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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

REESE ET AL.

Examiner

HUY T. NGUYEN

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THE REPLY FILED 26 September 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 5 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 1-20.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
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12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 26 September 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In Remarks, applicants argue that Lang does not teach or suggest that the DVRC stipulates the video signals of the second selection, i.e., facilitate designation of the digitized video signals of the second selection," as recited in amended claim 1.

In response, it is noted that claims recite that one or more digitized video signals therefore the recited one or more digitized video signal can be read on Lang reference . Lang teaches the apparatus can transmit one or more digitized video signals to another apparatus and receive one or more digitized video signals from another apparatus, and each apparatus can facilitate designation of the digital video signals of the second selection or first selection since each apparatus has means to enable the sections of transmitting the digitized video signals and receiving the digitized video signals by using the key board and buttons on each apparatus . Further Lang teaches a plurality of digitized video signals since the apparatus of Lang receiving a plurality of digital video programs or portions from another apparatus and transmitting a plurality of digital video programs or portions to another apparatus via a networking (Lang column 14, lines 54-68)

In Remarks, applicants further argue that Lang does not teach or suggest that the DVRC has a network port; instead, Lang merely discloses a modem (audio/video transmitter/receiver 22). In response the examiner disagrees . It is noted that Lang teaches the apparatus and another apparatus are in a network since the apparatus

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and another apparatus can communicate , receive and transmit the digitized video signals from and to each another . Further is noted that the recited network port is a port for receiving or transmitting the digitized video signals that is taught by (See Lang column 7, lines 30-65, column 14, lines 54-68). Lang teaches various network ports for transmitting and receiving the digitized video signal to and from another apparatus on a network . Lang teaches a network port (18) using fiber optic lines and a network port (46,22) using telephone lines for transmitting and receiving the selection of the digitized video signals that include one or more digitized video signals to and from another apparatus (column 7, lines 45-65, column 8, lines 30-57). Since the claimed network port is a port for communicatively connecting the DVCR with another apparatus on a network, the network port (18) or the network port (46,22) of Lang can read on the claimed network port .

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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